BACK the ATTACK

The MEMO

BUY MORE BONDS

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Membership Urges 4th Term For Roosevelt

Local 16's first membership meeting in 1944 was an auspicious occasion, as members packed the house to see their new officers sworn in by President Lewis Merrill, and to hear last minute news on the organizing campaign in banking. Although the Union's defeat at Corn Exchange was a great disappointment, it was the consensus of opinion that the banking drive was actually gathering momentum, and President Merrill predicted the complete organization of the banks by Local 16.

Upon recommendation of the executive board, the membership went on record unanimously to endorse President Roosevelt for a fourth term, thus continuing its consistent support of the President's win-the-war program. Local 16 also went on record supporting the recent proposals of the President aimed at mobilization of the people of the country in the war effort. The resolution adopted at the meeting expressed agreement with the statement of President Philip Murray of the CIO that the National Service Acts under consideration today are undesirable. However, the adoption of the President's program makes possible mobilization of the people through methods which would have the approval of organized labor.

Post-war Role of White Collar Workers Described

After administering the oath of office to the newly elected executive board, President Merrill spoke on the role white collar workers can play in the post-war period. He declared that the decisions made at Teheran laid the foundations of a new nation; that although office workers' skills were not fully recognized by our government now, the organization of basic white collar industries, such as banking and insurance, would speed their progress in gaining this recognition after the war; that Local 16 had the honor of spearheading the Corn Exchange drive which is a big step forward.

Corn Exchange Employees Greeted

The membership greeted warmly the Corn Exchange employees who were there to thank the organizers and the volunteer crew who did such a splendid job in

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Important Statement To Local Sixteeners

For a considerable time the New York locals of the United Office & Professional Workers of America have been concerned with the special problems which confront the white collar workers as a result of the war and the perspectives that face us in the post-war period. These problems of adequate wage standards, large-scale organization, political action, protection of contract and wage standards in the post-war period, have already required the close cooperation of all the local unions in this city.

In line with this, our National Union has recommended that Locals 16, 18, and 96 explore the possibilities of amalgamation in order to create a white collar union whose combined forces, finances, strengthened administration and bargaining power can most effectively discharge our responsibilities to the membership and to the unorganized workers in our fields.

In the preliminary discussions held separately by each Executive Board of the local unions involved, we have found sufficient merit in the proposal to justify further exploration of this question. A joint committee has been set up, therefore, consisting of four members each from Locals 16 and 18, and the Presidents of the other New York locals, and a representative of the National Union. This committee will explore all of the practical problems that would arise from such an amalgamation. The committee is approaching the proposal from the point of view of the kind of a union necessary to most effectively protect and extend the gains of our membership, able to carry out large scale organization in such fields as banking and publishing.

As soon as the committee completes its investigation and study of both perspectives and practical problems of administration, a full analysis and recommendations will be made to the respective memberships of each local union for thorough discussion and vote. We wish to make it clear that no decision or recommendation for or against amalgamation is being made at this time. The programs of the respective unions are to continue and be strengthened and enlarged to meet the pressing needs of today.

RESOLUTION ON ROOSEVELT

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt has been the spearhead in the mobilization of the total forces of our nation assuring the speedy achievement of victory over fascism and strengthening of the United Nations in war and peace through his brilliant leadership in the decisions of the Teheran conference, and,

WHEREAS, he, together with the other leaders of the United Nations, has unified the struggles for freedom of all peoples, and,

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt's international and domestic policies have been inseparably woven together under his slogan of A WIN THE WAR Administration; and his seven-point economic program can show the way to a stabilized economy essential to achieve full production if given adequate Congressional support, and

WHEREAS, under his administration the white collar and professional workers of our country have received recognition and aid in their problems, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the newly elected Executive Board of Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers of America, adopt as our first official act on behalf of the 5,000 members of our local, this resolution to urge upon President Roosevelt his renewed candidacy for President in the 1944 elections and pledge to him our continued cooperation in support of his program at home and abroad.

UNION HERE TO STAY — IN BANKING

A meeting with Corn Exchange Bank officials to discuss salary increases for the 609 employees who voted for the UOPWA in the election of January 19th has been requested by the Union. A telegram has also been sent to the U. S. Department of Conciliation, asking them to step into the situation, and a representative of the Department of Labor, Mr. Lagay, is already on the scene.

"We can see now that the Union means business," one new union member stated. "The Union is here to stay in the banking field. The fact that 45% of Corn Exchange Employees voted for the Union proves that."

Organization of Corn Exchange is going ahead at full speed. In many branches the Union already has a majority.

Corn Exchange Chapter Set Up

On Tuesday, February 1st, a representative group of Corn Exchange Employees met and decided to set up the Corn Exchange Chapter of Local 16. They elected T. Duncan Robinson as chairman, Hugh Brimmer, treasurer, and Chester Caddick, secretary. Eight representatives from different boroughs and areas will act as vice-chairmen and will constitute the executive committee. There will also be a representative from each branch.

The first statement issued by the new chapter points out that Corn Exchange Employees have already secured many advantages because of the Union, the latest of which is the announcement that time and a half will be paid for overtime retroactive to last October. Not until the Union began to organize did the Bank ask the War Labor Board for this, and not until the Union Committee went to see the War Labor Board on January 22nd was action secured, the statement declares.

"It is our opinion that the bank should pay the kind of salaries that will cut down turnover and increase efficiency, thereby aiding the war effort. The manner in

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Heads C. E. Chapter

T. DUNCAN ROBINSON

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The bi-monthly meeting of the Representative Assembly will take place on Wednesday Feb. 23rd.

DR. BELLA V. DODD, Legislative Representative of the Teachers Union, will be the guest speaker, and will lead a discussion on current events.

PETER K. HAWLEY, former Local 16 President and now a CIO representative on the War Labor Board, will speak on the plans for the amalgamation of Locals 16, 18 and 96.

Every office should be represented. The place will be announced.

White Collar Employees Speak Up

Mr. and Mrs. USA now have some idea of just what runaway prices have done to the pocketbooks of 15,000,000 white-collar workers. Last month's hearings by a U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education turned the spot-light on the plight of unorganized office employees.

Many representatives of Local 16 backed up UOPWA President Lewis Merrill's hard-hitting brief that told a simple, desperate story of fixed incomes trying in vain to keep up with higher prices. Biggest bomb-shell was exploded by CIO chief Phil Murray. He pointed out that the statistical red-tape cluttering up indexes of the higher costs of living were seriously outmoded and did not show the actual setup. The Labor Department's "official figures" on food do not include many of the necessities of life and do not reflect shoddy goods which wear out more quickly and multiply the usual purchases. The 23% hike that the figures show is really something like a 43% increase in living costs since 1941.

Much impressed by the wealth of facts presented as well as "living case-histories" told by workers of the struggle to make ends meet, the Senators reported their findings and recommended, un-freeze frozen salaries; publicize the methods set up to allow increases in salaries within the outmoded "Little Steel" formula; even this small aid is being blocked off for uninformed, unorganized workers, it was pointed out.

Typical of the problems Local 16's organizational drives aim at was the story of J. Curtis Hoyt, a young Philadelphia electrical engineer, who gave a detailed report on how his salary's purchasing power had decreased despite several pay increases in the last 4 years and the fact that his wife, a former dietitian, uses her training to buy the most nutritious foods at the lowest prices.

The MEMO

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Sergeant-at-Arms ..... BARBARA MASTERS
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IN THE SPIRIT OF TEHERAN

The unanimous endorsement of a fourth term for President Roosevelt by our membership is a logical continuation of our consistent support of the President's win-the-war policies.

The achievements of President Roosevelt at the historic Teheran Conference—which created the possibilities for insuring a speedy victory and guaranteeing a post-war world of peace and security—not only warrants but demands his continuation as our Commander-in-Chief and as our President.

By this endorsement our members expressed the sincere desire of white collar workers to win the war as speedily as possible and to assure peace and prosperity after the war.

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FOR FREEDOM AND SECURITY

The establishment of the Corn Exchange Chapter marks a milestone in the organization of bank employees and white collar workers everywhere.

The 609 votes for the Union in the Corn Exchange election proved that bank employees look to the Union for the realization of "that true individual freedom" which, as President Roosevelt stated in his Bill of Rights, "cannot exist without economic security and independence."

Gains have already been achieved. Full speed ahead, Corn Exchange Chapter!

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CONGRATULATIONS

THE MEMO congratulates and warmly welcomes the new administration of Local 16 elected in December and installed at the January membership meeting.

Our Union faces challenging prospects in the coming year. The realization of the goals set at Teheran by the leaders of the United Nations will become part of our day to day tasks. In extending its organization program among white collar workers, Local 16 will play an important role toward achieving that unity which is so vital to the life of our country.

We feel confident that the representative and devoted members whom we elected to leadership will live up to the challenge.

VICTORY RHYMES

A bank is a place where you
deposit your dough,
In most banks though, returns
are slow;
But I know a bank that's dif-
ferent from most
And it covers the country from
coast to coast!

It makes no charge for issuing
checks—
It leaves the fascists feeling
like wrecks
Because it revives our fighting
men—
Brings them to life to fight
again.
You see what I mean by quick
returns?

That plasma you lent to a man
with burns
Will pay a far higher interest
rate
If it helps to decide this brave
guy's fate.

The mystery unfolds—as though there were any,
It's the BLOOD BANK we mean—one of many
Go down today, don't waste any time

HELP SPEED THE DAY WE'LL WRITE VICTORY RHYMES!

Viewpoint

By LUCY ALTSCHULER

Football signals? An enemy code? No, it's not these, but it could be just as useful as an unintercepted code if something isn't done about taking warning of these storm signals.

Everyone knows that 15%—the Little Steel Formula— is the rise in the cost of living between January 1941 and September 1942. All of us also know the present figure — 43.5%. That is the actual rise in the cost of living since January 1941 which was arrived at last month by President Roosevelt's committee of AFL and CIO members.

But a 35% salary increase is the figure I like best of all because it has a special meaning for white collar workers. This is the figure used by President Merrill in his letter to Justice Byrnes in September 1943. Now in February 1944 President Merrill has elaborated on this in his testimony before the Senate Sub-Committee on Wartime Health and Education. He graphically showed exactly where we white collar workers stand in the world at war.

One quarter of all working people are white collar and professional workers. Our union, together with other white collar and professional unions, is responsible for uniting this large and important section of the American people with all other progressive forces in our country to achieve national unity.

White collar workers are dissatisfied because of inadequate salaries which undermine their health, efficiency and morale. In the banks, for example, which are the administrative agencies for all business, unsatisfactory salaries result in inefficiency and the waste of manpower. This would mean even greater inefficiency with the termination of the war and the resultant readjustment to a peace economy when banks would have to play an even more important role in the economic life of our nation.

Post-War National Unity Essential

When we say national unity we mean now and after the war, just as the decisions made at Teheran provide for agreement in the prosecution of the war and in the peace that is to follow.

National unity after the war means the continued use of government agencies such as the War Labor Board. It should mean the continuation of the no-strike policy so that conflicts will not arise to jeopardize national unity.

National unity after the war means the assurance that we maintain the same level of production then as now. It means that every one in the U. S. can be assured of security, health and a higher standard of living.

However, in order to have national unity after the war we have to achieve national unity now. The problem of the white collar worker must be recognized today. His health, efficiency and morale are important to the well-being of our country. They must not be impaired.

The conditions that created the demand of the union for a 35% increase for white collar workers still obtain. Only last September we said "approximately 35%" whereas today we know that the actual rise in the cost of living is 43.5%.

ACT NOW! ON SOLDIER VOTE, SUBSIDIES

Don't give up the fight for the Soldier-Vote bill because the fight is by no means over. Supporters of a Federal war ballot have the edge on their opponents, but we must not slow down our stream of letters to Congressmen. Rankin is still ranting and the issue is still in doubt. But in the words of Senator Lucas, co-author of the Green-Lucas Federal ballot bill, "The reaction of the country will be such that the House ultimately will agree." **Let's give them the reaction they're asking for, and now!**

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Can you take another cut in your salary? Do you want to see prices reach the skies?

The Bankhead Bill which is under discussion in the Senate makes no provision for subsidies, and if passed, will have just that effect on the economy of our nation and on your pocketbook.

The cost of living has already reached a height where white collar workers are finding it a fierce struggle to maintain their standard of living.

There isn't one among us who can afford to allow the Republican members and the reactionary bloc of Democrats in the Senate to back the Bankhead Bill for their own selfish political interests. Let us tell them that we will hold them responsible for the additional burdens we will suffer if the Bankhead Bill is passed.

SUPPORT THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM

January's addition to Local 16's Fighters for Freedom:

SIGMUND EHRLICH
LEO P. CHALL
SAMUEL PERLMAN
PHILIP FORTE
BERNARD DIGIACOMO
GEORGE R. VALDES
SIDNEY PEARL

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From Pfc. Max Silverman, overseas . . .

From the point of view of keeping us in the armed forces informed of events of importance and interest, you are doing a swell job—what with the NEWS, the MEMO and Sylvia Steno's letters. I've read of the successes of organized white collar people and of the trials and tribulations of those not yet in the fold. From what little I read and know, I take it that the UOPWA today has a golden opportunity in its field, and also making an even greater contribution towards winning the war. And I feel certain that no effort will be spared to bring to fruition the vast opportunities that are open to us.

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From Sgt. William J. Bell, Alaska . . .

Just a note to thank you for your Xmas thought —cigarettes. I received them quite intact and really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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From Sgt. Martin Belovin, somewhere in England . . .

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the swell carton of cigarettes you sent me.

I know that you people are doing your utmost for the great cause. I follow with keen interest the magazine which you put out. The issues reach me at irregular times, yet they are nonetheless welcome. The news all seems to be encouraging and I enjoy following up on what is going on with the boys and girls. All the best of luck to you in organizing a great local into an even greater one.

Memo Reviews

Remember the Federal Theatre? Remember the great upsurge of the arts in the middle '30's when the WPA brought great artists and great audiences together, the spirit exemplified by a great song that grew out of that developing culture and produced for a Federal Theatre production, "Ballad For Americans!"

Sure, we remember it and remember bitterly the ignoramuses in high places in Congress who voted to strangle what learned critics were beginning to call, "one of the great flowerings of the people's will to higher things and a richer, better life."

And the people's art is far from dead! The local New York City Center in three short months made great strides along the trail blazed for the arts for the masses of people. Great plays and singers, dancers and outstanding performers in all fields have done their turns to large audiences at prices in reach of every pocketbook.

The attractive admission fees are made still lower for members of Local 16 by the arrangement our Union has made with the management that allows members a 20% discount on any seat. Scrip is available at the Union office in denomination of $1.00.

Current revival of "Porgy and Bess" can be seen for less than half a dollar with sufficient seating capacity for three times the crowds that saw the original production at top prices of $4.40. Labor is confident that the high standards already in use in all the presentations will be maintained and bettered if possible as time goes on, the entire enterprise being run on a democratic basis by a board fairly representing all the many groups of citizens in our great City.

Typical of the future attractions promised will be the first performances of the first American People's Symphonic Orchestra, presently being recruited from the talented ranks of everyday New Yorkers by Leopold Stokowski, an event that is expected to make musical history.

Bob Brown

BACK'EM UP—BUY MORE BONDS NOW!

TG & T NEGOTIATES SALARY BOOSTS

Salary negotiations are well under way between the UOPWA and Title Guarantee and Trust Company. Through conferences between the Union negotiating committee and the company's Vice-President, Howard Burdick, substantial agreement has been reached on definitions for 98 classifications in law, plant, accounting, bookkeeping, general clerical, survey, trust and banking categories.

During the sessions, some fifteen additional representatives from various departments were called in to discuss the jobs in their own particular categories. As one of the employees commented afterwards to Organizer Ethel Beach, she never could have imagined that the day would come when she and other people from her office would actually go in and sit down with the Vice-President of the Company and discuss with him, on a friendly dignified basis as equal parties to an agreement, what their jobs are and what they are worth. Through the salary talks, the Union has given the Title employees a real feeling of dignity and pride in their jobs.

The contract terms ordered by the War Labor Board became effective January 6th on all provisions covering union security, hours of work, overtime, sick leave, seniority rights, severance pay grievance machinery, arbitration and automatic dues deduction, although the contract has not yet been signed by the Company.

Meanwhile the employees of the other three Title companies are anxious to get these WLB contract provisions into effect.

The Union sent its complete salary classification plan to Lawyers Title Corporation, Security Title and Kings County Capital Corporation and requested the War Labor Board to appoint the arbitrator immediately to establish proper salary classifications. Steps have also been taken by the Union to speed up National War Labor Board action to enforce the full contract order in these three companies.

Dollars To Doughnut's

Doughnut Corporation workers are pleased with their new contract which was negotiated with management on February 1st. At their meeting on January 31st the contract won unanimous approval.

The new contract calls for a base increase of $3 for the bulk of Doughnut workers, other increases ranging from $4 to $10, depending on their rate classifications, merit and seniority. **One of the main points fought for and won by the Union was the upgrading of certain jobs into higher rate classifications.** The accomplished fact is thanks enough for the negotiating committee who did the very intensive work required in breaking down these jobs and proving that they belonged in the higher classifications. Gratifying, too, is the appreciation shown by the workers, one of whom approached her fellow worker who was a member of the committee, and said, "Thanks a lot, you did a very good job," to which said member

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"16" Pushes Salaries Up

CRAWFORD CLOTHES employees welcomed WLB approval of salary requests. These included the establishment of categories, salary ranges, a system of upgrading, and automatic increases.

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At PANORAMIC RADIO CORP. the employer has agreed to recognize the Union as the bargaining agency, in a conference at the offices of the NLRB. Agreement has also been reached on the question of eligibility to Union membership for all but three employees whose cases will be submitted to arbitration. Negotiations for a contract are proceeding, with Theresa Miller, Jean Chernoff and Anne Pilatsky serving on the negotiating committee.

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Ethel Goldstein, office chairman at UJA National, had this to say about their recent increases: "The members of the staff are very well pleased with the results. Negotiations were conducted in a most friendly fashion and were completed within a very short time. In some cases where management questioned specific jobs, the employees who were involved were invited to present their own cases personally at the meetings on negotiations. The negotiations throughout were an example of good labor relations and management-labor cooperation." Ethel's feelings were shared by the other members who served on the negotiating committee, Irene Black, Helen Hoffman and Ceil Young Tobias.

The new categories and salary ranges were worked out on the basis of a careful job analysis. Increases went up to $10.50 a week, based on the establishment of new categories, reclassification, upgrading, merit.

The staff has voted a day's pay to the Union's Fighting Fund.

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JNF has scored up a renewed contract and salary increases for every member of the staff. On the negotiating committee were Gertrude Aronson and Adele Cohen.

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Requests for salary increases have been presented at UPA, Hadassah and Mizrachi, based on job classifications, which is the general trend today in the field of all the social agencies.

MEET 16's OFFICERS

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CIO Backs Banking Drive

At its recent meeting, the Executive Board of the CIO pledged "full financial support and backing of whatever kind is needed to the UOPWA in its campaign to extend to banking employees, throughout the country, and especially in New York City, the benefits of collective bargaining and the constructive program of the CIO."

The resolution adopted by the Executive Board takes cognizance of the fact that the "initiation of a sound salary policy with adequate pay increases and job classifications is necessary to insure the health and morale of the banking employees, and that the adoption of such a salary policy arrived at through collective bargaining would serve to increase salaries throughout the country and ease the achievement of high production levels to speed victory."

Union + Management = Manpower Saving

For the first time in the history of the Direct Mail Employers and the UOPWA there is joint cooperation in solving some of the manpower problems in the lettershop field. Though there is an extremely tight labor market throughout this industry, particular companies find it necessary to lay off workers for a short period from time to time. In order to conserve the time lost, to keep workers from drifting into other industries and to help shops who are having difficulty in getting workers, the Association and the Union have worked out an arrangement whereby employers about to lay off some workers would notify the Union. The Union would then communicate with Union Association shops in the industry who are in need of workers at that particular time and arrange to send these people without losing a day.

If this arrangement, which is purely experimental, can be worked out satisfactorily, it will be a boon to all parties concerned for obvious reasons: the Association will have a sufficient supply of labor on hand at all times; the workers will not have lost any working hours and resultant pay and the Union will have made a further contribution towards unsnarling the manpower tangle and thus towards the winning of the war.

Glamour At No Cost— Fashion Clinic Opens

Hear Ye: Hear Ye: Hear Ye:

On Tuesday, February 29th, at 7:30 P.M., the Fashion Clinic you have all been awaiting so eagerly will open. No white collar worker can afford to overlook an opportunity to further and economize on her wartime clothes budget in these price-defying days.

Well - known pattern makers such as Simplicity, Vogue, McCall and others, will show models of different costumes that can be made from the same pattern for both summer and winter wear. A well-known cosmetician will give hints on beauty care.

Instructors will be present with samples of what can be accomplished in the way of hats, pocket-books, belts, earrings and etceteras, to embellish and glorify the white collar wardrobe. The Fashion Clinic will then start on its regular schedule with sessions every two weeks, with instructors at every session.

The Fashion Clinic is now on the lookout for models. Send your name or contact the Clinic if you wish to model or if there is anyone in your office who would like to.

To repeat. FEBRUARY 29th's the DAY, in Local 16's "Canteen," 16th floor, 1133 Broadway.

FIGHTING FUND HONOR ROLL— GET ON BOARD!

You can honor a serviceman or woman through your Fighting Fund contribution. According to Minerva L. Fredman, chairman, the Fighting Fund Committee has set up an Honor Roll of the servicemen and women in whose names contributions are made and the names of the contributors to Local 16's Fighting Fund.

"By making a contribution of a day's pay you will help insure your future the democratic way," says Sister Fredman.

To refresh your memory, Local 16's Fighting Fund was started several months ago for three purposes: (1) **Organizational** — to build our Union so that white collar workers may get better conditions. (2) **Political Action**—to fight for legislation which will extend democracy in our country; to help elect progressive candidates to the legislative and executive bodies of our city, state and nation. (3) **Post-War Security**—to be in a position to make secure the conditions we want after the war is won, for ourselves and for our men and women who are now in the Armed Forces.

As of January 31st, the total contributed to the Fund stood at $2,206.19, of which $683.92 was contributed during the month of January by the following offices:

N.M.U.	$203.47
American Jewish Congress	69.50
Hooven Letter	62.70
New Era	48.00
Raymond Service	44.50
D. H. Ahrend	44.00
Warehouse Local 1130	35.00
Transport Workers	33.02
American Communications Assoc.	30.00
W. S. Ponton	29.30
Fur Dressers Jt. Board	26.48
S.C.M.W.A.	21.50
Individuals (unemployed and unorg.)	9.60
Cleaners & Dyers	6.00
U.J.A. City	6.00
United Furniture Workers	5.85
UERWA	2.00
United Palestine Appeal	1.00

Add your office to this Honor Roll now.

4th Term Endorsed

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organizing the Bank. They also promised to go ahead until a complete victory is won.

Joseph Levy, executive secretary, told of the gains already made by bank employees as a result of Union activity. Local 16 is going to bat for the 609 who voted for the Union, requesting pay increases, overtime and improvement of conditions, Brother Levy stated. He also told of other bank workers, extremely heartened by the Corn Exchange election, who are joining up.

Awards Made to Volunteers

A large number of members were proud to receive distinguished service and merit awards for their efforts on behalf of the Union in the past year. General Organizer Norma Aronson, who presented the awards, expressed the appreciation of the Union to these "home front soldiers" for their services. (The names of those who received the awards are published on Page 4 of this issue.)

Wanted—Canteen Cutie; 'King Of Canteen' Chosen

There's a search on for a Canteen cutie who answers the description of 5 foot 6 or 7, dark hair, bright eyes and a very pretty face, who comes from the Bronx. Anyway, that's the way a soldier in England describes the girl of his dreams whom he met at the Canteen about ten months ago.

He writes a pleading letter to the HELP WANTED or ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN to help him find the lovely creature who handed him his coat at the checkroom on that fateful night long ago. So, if you think you're it, get in touch with the Steno Canteen Committee at once and present your credentials.

This little touching and romantic item is only one of the many nice things about which the boys keep writing to the Steno Canteen. Another, who was a "regular" for many weeks, dropped us a note just before he left the country saying, "I leave New York with many pleasant memories of the Steno Canteen. I hope you continue to give as much pleasure to other servicemen as you've given me."

"King of Canteen" Chosen

Following up the fun which started off the new year with a bang, the Canteen cuties turned the tables on their soldier guests and staged a contest to find the "King of the Canteen." GI trousers were rolled up high revealing dimpled knees (and long GI underwear). Everyone present was convinced that even if our soldiers don't have such pretty legs, they sure are good sports.

Plenty more fun is promised for the month of February—birthday parties for those two swell guys, Abe Lincoln and George Washington. Special attention, of course, is being given to Valentine's Day. This being leap year, anything's likely to happen, and you can count on it happening at the Steno Canteen.

Offices are still invited to put in their bid for a sponsored evening at the Canteen. So far the bank employees have been cashing in on most of the fun.

DO YOUR BIT PACK A KIT, AID AN ALLY

Needles and pins, sugar and soap, as well as other household necessities are desperately needed by Russian families who are starting a new life in the vast areas now being liberated from the Nazi invaders. Russian War Relief is supplying Americans with 3,000,000 kits to be filled with these articles and sent to the people who are returning to build up their devastated towns and ruined homes.

Mayor LaGuardia has already presented the first kit to Red Navy Capt. Danil Kladov to be given to I. Zimenko, Mayor of Stalingrad. "May I present the first New York City kit to you for delivery to a Stalingrad family," LaGuardia wrote in his message to Mayor Zimenko.

Philip Murray said, "I am happy to endorse the current campaign of Russian War Relief to aid destitute Russian families who have felt the full force of Nazi fury."

The kits and all information regarding articles to be packed in them, together with complete mailing instructions, can be obtained from Local 16.

CASHIERS ARBITRATE

Local 16 has invoked arbitration in regard to its demands for changes in the agreement with the Affiliated Restaurateurs covering 160 cashiers in 58 cafeterias in this city. The Union is asking for a $34 per week minimum in place of the present $26 a week, in order to re-establish the same relationship in salaries that has always existed between the salaries of the cashiers and the other cafeteria workers.

For those cashiers who do bookkeeping in addition to cashiering, and for those cashiers who work in busy stores, a $37 minimum is being asked. In addition, the Union is requesting increased vacation and increased night bonus pay, as well as paid holidays and paid sick leave.

Arbitration hearings will start during the week of February 14th, and the new contract will be retroactive to February 1st.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND MERIT AWARDS

in recognition of Outstanding Effort and Devotion to the War Effort as evidenced through service to Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO.

LUCY ALTSCHULER
ADELE COHEN
MICKEY COHEN
FLORENCE DORSKY
PHIL FRANK
MINERVA FREDMAN
BEULAH GREEN
NORMA HANAN
BETTY LAMPEL
EDITH ROSENBERG
M. L. SPECTOR
RITA SQUIRE
LILY SVERDLOVE
BEA ZUROWSKY

MERIT AWARDS

Gertrude Ackerman
Lillian Ackerman
Vera Animoff
Shirley Aranow

Leopold Bondi
Fanny Baylen
Yenita Bailyn
Hank Bayne
Pat Bell
Tessie Berman
Sylvia Bjornson
Rae Blitzstein
Pauline Blumenfeld
Tillie Bohrer
Ruth Bondy
Eva Bloom
Helen Bloom
Robert Bloom
Shirley Bressler
Shirley Brody
Betty Brown
Robert Brown
Helen Butterwiser
Marion Bell

Kaye Carroll
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Irene Dahut
Leah Davis
Rita Denerstein
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(Additional names will be published in a forthcoming issue of THE MEMO.)

SUPPORT CMDR-IN-CHIEF ALL OUT FOR PRIMARIES

Tuesday, March 28, will see New York State voters go to the polls in what is regarded as the first test vote on the question of the 4th term. Spring primaries in all parties will select delegates to the National Conventions of Republicans and Democrats, will pick American Labor Party State Committeemen.

The all-inclusive CIO-backed Committee For A United Labor Party urges all who registered ALP last October to be sure to vote on that day. Solidly backing a 4th term for Roosevelt, the remnants of appeaser opposition must be finally routed in this election. Win-the-war slate supporters point out that the fight against the John L. Lewis defeatist influence can retain the victories won last August in the selection of County Committeemen only if all unionists do their duty on the political field.

The good fight for the soldier ballot will be kept up only with 100% backing from the enrolled ALP voters, who must keep faith with the fighting forces by strengthening the never-ending conflict with those who would split national unity.

Local 16 will be well represented among the progressive candidates running on the regular ticket. Office workers will do well to remember that the Election Law provides that time off must be given to allow them to vote, polls being open from 3 PM. to 10 P.M.

A healthy vote in the Democratic primary is urged to let the old-line party politicians know that New York labor is aware of the issues and awake.

Let the word go out on March 28 that New York State's 45 Electoral votes for President of the United States are pledged to win the war and to win the peace!

More on DOUGHNUT

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replied, "You're welcome; of course I haven't seen my mother in ten days, but it was worth it."

Five-Day Week, Additional Vacation

New benefits in the contract affect new employees in that they are entitled to sick leave after three months instead of six months as previously stipulated.

The contract guarantees a five-day week with time and a half for all Saturday work, and three weeks vacation after six years. All increases will, after approval by the Labor Board, be retroactive to February 1st.

According to Betty Sable, office chairman, negotiations for the new contract went very smoothly because of the splendid preparatory work done by the negotiating committee and the excellent leadership given by General Organizer Aronson.

More On Corn Exchange

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which increases are now being given is entirely inadequate," the statement stresses. A program to push salaries up at Corn Exchange, to get signed authorization cards, to make Corn Exchange Employees full-fledged members of the Union through dues payment and strengthen their organization was mapped out by the Corn Exchange Chapter.

"May we suggest that the best investment you can make with the back-pay for overtime you will be getting is to use part of it to pay your dues and the rest to buy war saving stamps and bonds. Thus you will be doubly safeguarding your future," the statement concludes.

What Do You Know About Your Union?

If you've never attended a New Members Conference, call or write to Melba Gould, Membership Director, at the Union Office. The next New Members Conference is scheduled for Thursday Evening, February 24, 7:00 P.M.

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